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WAGERS.

Wagers have been called fools' arguments, but they are the resort of English-speaking people everywhere for the settlement of all forcible questions. In old times, in England, "butting" was the rule of life, as the literature of the last century and the century before show. Sir Robert Walpole bet with Mr. Pulteney a guinea that he had not misquoted "Horace" in Parliament. The Clerk of the House declared Pulteney right, upon which Sir Robert threw the guinea across the House to be picked up by his opponent, with the remark that it was the first public money he had touched for a long time. The headquarters of betters were at White's. Walpole writes:

"One of the youths at White's has committed a murder and intends to repeat it. He betted 1,500 guineas that a man could live twelve hours under water; hired a desperate fellow, sunk him in a ship by way of experiment, and both ship and man have not appeared since. Another man and a ship are to be tried for their lives." Many bets were made on health and longevity. A writer, referring to this, says that those who would be gainers by the death of a person on whom a wager is laid, "watch all the stages of his illness, and are as impatient for his death as the undertaker who expects to have the care of a funeral, while the other side are very solicitous about his death, send every hour to know how he does, and takes as much care of him as a clergyman's wife does of her husband, who has no other fortune than his living. I remember a man with the constitution of a porter, upon whose life very great odds were laid, but when the person he was pitted against was expected to die every week, this man shot himself through the head, and the knowing ones were taken in."

Lord Mountbatten and Sir John Bland stalked 20 guineas a side upon the lives of two women, the former backing Beau Nash to outstake Colley Cribber. The comedian died in 1757, at the age of 56, and Beau in 1761, at the age of 57; but before the first event came about, both the wagers had committed suicide. At the house of Sir Mark Sykes the conversation turned upon the dangers to which Bonaparte was exposed, and the host offered to take a hundred guineas from any one of the company and pay back a guinea a day as long as Bonaparte lived. The Rev. B. Gilbert accepted the offer, and paid down his hundred guineas. For three years he received his guinea a day regularly enough, then the baronet grew tired of his bad bargain, and refused to continue his payments. The clergyman brought an action to compel Sir Mark to fulfill the agreement. The Court decided that as the wager created an undue interest in the preservation of the life of a public enemy, and, on the other hand, held out an inducement to plot his assassination, it tended to produce public mischief, and was therefore illegal.

Wagers have sometimes proved fatal to the unconscious subjects of them. Sir Thomas Hoare of Aston, riding home from the hunting-field with some friends, extolled his cook's punctuality in such extravagant fashion that he was lured into risking a considerable sum upon it. Unluckily, for the first time, the cook was behind time with the dinner. Enraged with the jeers of his visitors, the irate Sir Thomas made for the kitchen, took up a cleaver lying too readily, and with one blow killed his unhappy servant.

In September, 1788, says the Annual Register, "a young Irish gentleman, for a very considerable wager, set out on Monday, the 22d instant, to walk to Constantinople and back again in one year; and in June of the following year Mr. Whalley arrived about this time in Dublin from his journey to the Holy Land considerably within the limited time of twelve months. The wager laid on the performance of that expedition was £20,000. Buck Whalley was a Dublin macaroni, whose appearance in a swallow-tailed blue coat, gay waistcoat, buckskin breeches, and top-boots, created no little astonishment at Jerusalem. He was taken for a madman; and, thanks to that belief and a stout shillalah, went on his way unmolested, and was enabled to return home to claim his winnings, and he was henceforth dubbed Jerusalem Whalley.

Some years ago a London waterman wagered that he and his dog would jump from the end of the Westminster bridge and land at Lambeth together. He leaped from the bridge, and the dog followed suit, but taking it into his head that his master was in danger of drowning, the faithful fellow dragged him willy-nilly to shore, and by his well-intentioned blunder lost the waterman his wager.

An impudent rascal had such faith in the good losses of Worcester that he bet he would kiss fifty girls in going down the High Street of that faithful city. Unfortunately for his speculation, he caught a Tartar the very first attempt, and got three weeks' hard labor for his pains.

Brougham contrived to make a holiday pay for itself by the exercise of a little shrewdness. It was in his college days that, by way of seeing a little life, he went one autumn to Dumfries in order to make one at the Caledonian hunt meeting. According to the then custom everybody dined at a table d'hôte, and after dinner betting set in. Brougham offered to bet the whole company that none of them would write to the manner in which he meant to go to the races next day. Those who accepted the bet wrote their conjectures, and Brougham wrote down his intention of traveling in a sedan chair, a mode of conveyance no one had hit upon. To the races he went, an immense crowd seeing him renewed as to the manner of his return to Dumfries, the accepters taxing their wits to imagine the most improbable mode of travelling. Brougham had calculated upon this, and won the double event by returning in a post-chaise and pair.

These English stories might be supplemented by the multitude of queer election bets made in this country, at the head of which the wheelbarrow business stands prominent.

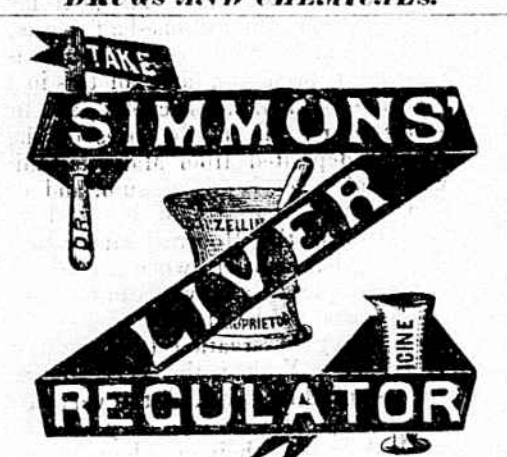
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